

Great Valley High School Emerging Technology Permission Form

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Great Valley School District offers its students access to numerous technologies, including the World Wide Web. These technologies offer a vast, diverse, and unique resource for both students and teachers. The advantages the Internet provides greatly outweigh any disadvantage. Technology is to be considered a privilege rather than a right and thus carries a large amount of responsibility for all users.

Great Valley expects teachers to utilize these technologies to provide students with meaningful and rich learning experiences through the integration of technology. All students are expected to follow the Great Valley School District's Acceptable Use of Technology as outlined in the Student Parent Handbook.

Web 2.0 Tools

Web 2.0 is the term used to describe internet tools which aim to develop creativity, increase communication and allow for large-scale collaboration. These tools are critical to our students' learning of 21st Century Skills. Web 2.0 tools include, but are not limited to:

- Blogs (www.edublogs.com, www.21classes.com)
- Wikis (www.wikispaces.com, Google Website)
- Podcasting (iTunes, Audacity)
- Discussion Boards (Google, Moodle, Discussion Forums)
- Document Sharing Sites (Google Documents)
- Poster Creation & Sharing Sites (www.glogster.com/edu)

Teachers' Responsibilities

1. Provide appropriate guidance to students using telecommunications and electronic information resources in meeting curriculum goals.
2. Inform students of their expectations as users of Web 2.0 tools.
3. Facilitate the learning process through the use of emerging technology tools.
4. Monitor student performance and implement consequences when needed.

Expectations for Students

Web 2.0 allows students the ability to post information and images onto the Internet. Students should understand this is a large responsibility on them. Students must understand that these tools are an extension of the physical classroom. They should conduct themselves in these areas as they would in the classroom. All users must abide by the rules of Network etiquette, which include the following:

1. **Be polite.** Students are to respect their peers. They are not to criticize, insult, defame (harming someone's reputation by lies) or threaten a fellow student. While we encourage debate and conversation with other students, we also expect appropriate conduct.

2. **Use appropriate language and graphics.** Web 2.0 tools are to be used as though the web is part of the classroom. Speech, images or content not appropriate for the classroom, is not appropriate for posting. Foul, obscene, or threatening language will not be tolerated, nor will the use of inappropriate links.

3. **Keep Information Private** Students are expected to act safely by keeping ALL personal information off the web. This includes last names, personal details, like addresses, phone numbers or photographs.

4. **Check links.** All links from the discussion board or blog must be checked for accuracy and appropriateness. You are responsible for the links you post, make sure you have read and viewed all media you link to in from the blog or discussion board.

5. **Tell an Adult.** Students are expected to tell their teacher if they feel uncomfortable by something a student says or posts.

6. **Follow Fair Use.** Students and faculty must adhere to Fair Use Copyright law. Students can find more information about this topic at Copyright and Fair Use for Teachers and Students <http://www.gvgsd.org/index.pl?id=22364&isa=Category&op=show>.

I have read and understand the Emerging Technologies Addendum and Permission form. As a parent or guardian, I grant permission for my son or daughter to use these emerging technologies to meet the curriculum goals at Great Valley.

Student's Name:

Parent (Guardian) Signature:
